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SUBJECT: Morning Developments

Lebanon

Prime Minister Begin informed the Knesset that Israeli aircraft today attacked and destroyed a Syrian SA-9 missile battery near Bhamdoun, 12 miles east of Beirut. He took the opportunity to reiterate to Damascus that Israel will not tolerate the introduction of additional missiles in Lebanon. (FBIS/Tel Aviv IDF Radio)

Arab League Summit

Unofficial reports indicate Arab leaders have approved a "united Arab peace plan" to settle the Palestinian question. Sources added that Tunisian President Bourguiba's proposal would be adopted as the basis in international law for the new initiative, while the Fahd plan would be endorsed as the practical basis for negotiations. In addition, President Reagan's peace plan would be accepted as a basis for further negotiation, during which some points could be "amended".

Another unofficial summit conference source stated that an ad hoc committee of Arab leaders has approved termination of the Arab Deterrent Force mission in Lebanon. The committee decision must now be submitted to the full summit for ratification. (Emb Tunis 6673, C; FBIS/Riyadh SPA)

Israel

Prime Minister Begin won a parliamentary vote of confidence today on his government's handling of the Lebanon invasion. After fielding sharp criticism from the opposition Labor Party, Begin won the vote by a 50-40 margin. (AP)

USSR/UK

The loading of British turbines destined for the Soviet Union was delayed today by a crane malfunction. The earliest estimated departure time is midnight tonight from Glasgow. (Edinburgh 00504, U; AP)

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China/USSR

The Embassy in Beijing reported today that China and the Soviet Union may begin "exploratory talks" in Beijing on 1 October to discuss the Sino-Soviet border and other contentious issues. (Beijing 12156, S)

OPEC

Nigerian Oil Minister Dikko has been tapped to succeed Ecuador's Eduardo Ortega as President of OPEC. Ortega was forced to resign his oil minister's portfolio Tuesday night after being censured by Ecuador's congress. (DJ)

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